

HB 363 -- FIREARM SALES

SPONSOR: Newman

This bill requires that all sales or transfers of a firearm, including Internet sales, be processed through a licensed firearm dealer. When neither party of the transaction is a licensed dealer, the parties must complete the sale or transfer using a licensed dealer who must retain possession until all legal requirements for the sale or transfer are met. If the buyer or transferee is not eligible to possess a firearm the dealer must conduct a background check on the seller or transferor prior to returning the firearm. If the dealer cannot legally return the firearm to either party, he or she must deliver the firearm to the county sheriff within 24 hours. The dealer may charge the purchaser or transferee a fee to cover the administrative costs incurred for facilitating the transfer of the firearm, plus applicable federal, state, and local fees. The provisions of the bill do not apply to specified individuals. Any person violating these provisions is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable of a fine of up to \$1,000, imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months, or both.

This bill is similar to HB 1596 (2016) and HB 347 (2015).